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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to, and the benefit of, U.S. provisional applications: (1) Serial No. 60/187,620, filed March 7, 2000, (2) Serial No. 60/200,625, filed April 28, 2000, and (3) Serial No. 60/213,323, filed June 22, 2000, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally relates to a system for facilitating transactions utilizing a secondary transaction number that is associated with a primary transaction card. More particularly, the system allows a cardholder to pay a merchant with a private, limited-use, transaction number without the need to disclose to the merchant or others the cardholder's primary charge card number. Moreover, the present invention provides registration, number generation and association, authorization, settlement and customer service processes that achieve an improved secure and private transaction system.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The proliferation of the Internet has resulted in a thriving electronic commerce industry, where more and more products and services are available to consumers in a variety of non-traditional ways, e.g., internet, telephone sales, wireless, interactive TV, etc. For example, in traditional online consumermerchant transactions, consumers typically provide merchants with transaction numbers (e.g., charge card numbers) from their existing debit, phone, credit or other transaction/service cards (e.g., American Express®, VISA®, MasterCard® and Discover Card®, AT&T®, MCI®, etc.). Transmission of transaction numbers via these traditional means has created increased opportunities for fraud. Namely, it is possible for these numbers to be intercepted during transmission,

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